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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 28 June 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6/28/05</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ . |

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, line 4, recites "said inner cavity," which lacks antecedent basis, and should evidently instead be "inner container."

Claim 3, line 2, recites "the concave surface," which structure has not been established.

Claim 7, line 2, recites "said inner heat-insulating casing," which lacks antecedent basis in claim 1

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of JP 06-46953 (JP'953).

The admitted prior art discloses a cooker and upper cover with a non-zero distance between the inner container and the heater. The claims differ substantively from the admitted prior art only in calling for a temperature detector in the cover and fixed to a heat conducting plate. However JP'953 discloses, at Fig's 2 and 3 especially, a temperature detector 202 in the cover and fixed to a heat conducting plate (208 or 209). It would have been obvious to adapt the cover detector of JP'953 to the prior art cooker to better control cooking and to avoid condensation on the lid. While JP'953 does not explicitly disclose a silicone cover seal (claims 4 & 8), bottom temperature over protection sensor means, or a three layer insulating housing structure, these limitations do not patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. It would have been obvious to utilize a silicone cover seal, bottom temperature over protection sensor means, and a three layer insulating housing structure since these are conventional means commended respectively by the need to avoid condensation leaking and dripping down the outer housing, to avoid overheating, and to maintain the outer housing at temperature suitable for hand contact.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph M. Pelham whose telephone number is 571-272-4786. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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